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Econchief and British DCM Robert Deane met with Ministry of Economy and Planning A/US for International Cooperation Abdulla Al-Saleh on January 21 (the first day he was available due to the UAEG shut down for Eid and the death of Dubai ruler and UAE Vice President Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al-Maktoum) to deliver reftel demarche on the MENA-OECD Investment Ministerial. Al-Saleh confirmed that Minister of Economy Sheikha Lubna Al-Qasimi would attend the ministerial. She would be returning to host a meeting of Arab trade ministers in the UAE on February 15. Al-Saleh said that he knew that Sheikha Lubna was preparing a presentation for the group. He was not aware of whether she planned to present a national reform agenda.
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